
NO SECRET DEALS WITH ANC — DE KLERK



The Inkatha Freedom Party, led by Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, **WILL** be present at the multi-party negotiations which will decide a future political dispensation for South Africa. This, in effect, was the assurance given by President FW de Klerk when he opened the new session of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly in Ulundi recently...

President de Klerk was challenged by IFP President and KwaZulu chief Minister, Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, to state unequivocally that all relevant political interests would be represented at the negotiations.

Dr Buthelezi bluntly warned the State President that any kind of "deal" which the National Party and the ANC attempted to author privately "will be torn down piece by piece and trampled upon."

He also insisted that KwaZulu should have a place at the negotiation table – as KwaZulu in its own right.

At a luncheon following the official opening of the Legislative Assembly – in a reply to introductory remarks by His Majesty, the King – President de Klerk insisted there was "no reason to believe" that he was involved in any secret "deals" with other political groupings.

Earlier, opening the third session of the fifth KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, President de Klerk warmly endorsed Dr Buthelezi as the man who had been "the torchbearer for democracy" in South African politics, through all the years of apartheid oppression.